

# Beaworthy Parish Council MIN0022020

## Minutes of the

### Meeting of the Beaworthy Parish Council

Held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm at Beaworthy House, Beaworthy.

1. **Apologies.** Cllr P Wonnacott. Cllr V J Holloway
2. **Present** - Cllr Rendell (Chair), Cllr Sanders (Vice Chair), Cllr Coleman (RFO), Cllr Johnstone, Cllr Balsdon, A Braidwood (Clerk).
3. **Chairman's welcome.**
4. **Public Forum** (items for next meeting) 1 member of the public was present, Cllr Southcott (WDBC).
5. **Declarations** of interest in items on the agenda.
6. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on **16<sup>th</sup> January 2020** were approved as a true record and signed by the chair.
7. **Councillor Reports.** – Highways working group reported on the 27<sup>th</sup> January meeting with Devon County Council for Doing what Matters Project. Very successful, going to look into Polehayes Road in the future, dates not confirmed. Concrete sandbags may be used at Madworthy. It was **RESOLVED** to write to highways regarding concerns of the main road A3079 and the potholes on the Beaworthy stretch. Cllr Sanders to write to Mr Jagger at DCC.
8. **Planning** – no new planning applications or updates to report.
9. **Clerks report** – including correspondence and any other item which has been brought up to the attention of the clerk, which is not on the agenda
  - **Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2020/21** – response had been submitted
  - **Precept for 2020/21** – had been submitted on-line to WDBC and acknowledged
  - **Website** – Clerk had spoken to Go Daddy about website accessibility and statement. More research to be continued to ensure website is compatible with new guidelines.
  - Clerk would distribute an updated employment contract for consideration.
  - **VAT** – clerk had drafted a three year backdated claim which will be submitted after 31 Mar 2020.
  - **Stagecoach consultation** – it was **RESOLVED** to draft a letter prior to the consultation more detail to be requested,
10. **Police and crime commissioner's councillor advocate scheme.** It was **RESOLVED** to delay a decision to nominate a councillor until the next meeting
11. **Policies**

The following policies were deferred for approval and adoption until the next meeting:

  - a. Communications Policy

## 12. FINANCES

### **Beaworthy Parish Council**

### **Finance Report**

### **Feb 2020**

Current Account – as at 31 Dec 2019	£2443.99
Receipts	£0.00
Payments	£104.00
	£48.00
Less unpresented cheques	(£0.00)
Balance after cheques cleared	<b>£2291.99</b>

### **Forecast of expenditure (taken from budget)**

Clerks remaining salary	£794
Training	£100
Stationery	£50
Estimated bank balance 31 Mar 2020	<b>£1347.99</b>

## 13. To agree actions and any associated expenditure

- a. Nil

## 14. West Devon borough Councillors report/update -

- a. Cllr Southcott reported the increase to the cost of emptying of dog waste bins had been deferred until 2021.
- b. 3 weekly black bin collection – people have now received letters if they are involved.
- c. 4% budget increase in Council Tax.
- d. Climate Change – WDBC have completed their carbon footprint assessment, options are being looked at to reduce it.

## 15. Items for the agenda for next meeting – Nil

## 16. Date of next meeting - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## 17. Meeting closed at 2100 hours.